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Earth Day / Operation Change Out

EVENT: Earth Day / Operation Change Out

WHEN: April 22, 2009, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Potomac Place Town Center, Fort Meade, Md

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Fort Meade will host the second annual Operation Change Out on Wednesday, April 22 as part of a joint effort by the Department of Energy and Department of Defense to educate government employees, military personnel and their families on ways to protect the environment and be more energy efficient. As a demonstration of support to become more environmentally friendly, the installation will replace incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient ones on post throughout the year.

Operation Change Out will commence at a Soldier's home where a symbolic change-out of an incandescent light bulb to an energy efficient one will take place. Following the change-out, a tour will be given of the Potomac Place Town Center and their library, at which 20 pre-school students will participate in making light switch guards in appreciation of both Operation Change Out and Earth Day.

Distinguished guests participating in the change-out will then be escorted to the main event which will begin at noon at the Ft. Meade Youth Center. This event will include remarks from Ft. Meade's Installation Commander, Colonel Daniel Thomas, as well as other distinguished guests. It will also highlight Ft. Meade and the Department of Defense's efforts to transform military installations into eco-friendly residences for military personnel and their families.

MEDIA NOTE: Since the event happens in two locations, media attending are asked to remain for the entirety of Operation Change Out.

For more information, or if you are interested in attending this event, ***you must RSVP*** to Veronica Castro in the Fort Meade Public Affairs Office at (301) 677-1465 / 240-205-9065 or veronica.m.castro@us.army.mil.

DIRECTIONS: From state Route 295 North or South (Baltimore/Washington Parkway), take state Route 175 East exit. Continue east for two miles and turn right onto Reece Road. Access procedures can be found at www.ftmeade.army.mil

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